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1. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS CALM HAS RETURNED TO LISBON STREETS. HOWEVER MAN-HUNT OF EX-DGS AGENTS CONTINUES, AND JUNTA HAS CALLED FOR THOSE DGS AGENTS STILL AT LARGE TO SURRENDER TO NEAREST MILITARY UNIT FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY. REPUBLICA REPORTS UPWARDS OF 600 DGS AGENTS NGW JAILED, WITH 2,000 STILL AT LARGE. REPORTS FROM THROUGHOUT COUNTRY CONTINUE TO TELL OF ATTEMPTED CROWD ASSAULTS ON SUPPOSED DGS AGENTS AND INFORMERS. BODY OF FORMER DGS JAILER FOUND IN OPORTO MORNING APRIL 28 WITH 2 BULLET HOLES THROUGH HEAD.

2. SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER MARION SOARES ARRIVED BY TRAIN FROM PARIS MID-DAY APRIL 28. SINGING, JOYOUS CROWD OF 5-8,000 AT STATION. IN 10-MINUTE SPEECH SOARES LAUDED THOSE ABSENT, LEADING OFF LIST WITH RUY LUIS GOMES (LEFTWING ACTIVIST EXILED BRAZIL) AND ALVARO CUNHAL (PCP LEADER EXILED PARIS). SOARES WAS JOINED ON PLATFORM BY PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATES INCLUDING RECENT POLITICAL PRISONER MANUEL GUERRA (WHO LED ANTI-SALAZARIST REVOLT IN 1962) AND LUAR LEADER PALMA INACIO. SPEECH GLORIFIED PORTUGAL'S DELIVERANCE AND CALLED FOR DISCIPLINE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN FACING TASKS AHEAD. SOARES PRAISED ARMED FORCES FOR ENDING 48 YEARS OF DICTATORSHIP, BUT DID NOT MENTION JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION. OTHER SOCIALISTS SPOKE AND PROMINENT FIGURES PRESENTED TO CROWD, INCLUDING WIDOW OF GENERAL UMBERTO DELGADO (WHO PRESUMED BY MANY TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY DGS IN 1965). IN ALL, MEETING WAS ORDERLY, WITH VERY FEW MILITARY OR POLICE PRESENT.

3. MOVEMENT IN THE LABOR SECTOR IS INTENSE. MANY UNIONS BOTH IN LISBON AND OPORTO REPORTED FIRING OLD LABOR LEADERS FOISTED ON UNIONS BY GOP, WHO WILL BE REPLACED BY OTHERS ELECTED FREELY. LISBON OFFICE WORKERS UNION, FOR EXAMPLE, EXPELLED ITS LEADERS AND CALLED MEETING FOR APRIL 29 TO DECIDE ON FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION. SETUBAL-BASED TEXTILE WORKERS SINDICATE OF THE SOUTHERN REGION, AND SANTAREM CIVIL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNION, BOTH EXPELLED FORMER LEADERS APRIL 28. THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL FEDERATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF OFFICE WORKERS REPORTEDLY GAVE ITS SUPPORT TO JUNTA AND ADHERED TO 14-POINT LABOR RESOLUTION REPORTED IN PARA 13 REFTEL.

4. POLITICAL GROUPS OF ALL STRIPES HARD AT WORK ELECTING LEADERS, ISSUING MANIFESTOS, COLLECTING FUNDS, ETC. ON APRIL 28 SUPPORTERS FROM THROUGHOUT PORTUGAL OF NEWLY FORMALIZED DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (MD) MET IN LISBON

TO ELECT MOVEMENT LEADERS. REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY LEFTIST GROUPS PRESENT, INCLUDING PCP OBSERVERS, AS WELL AS SOCIALIST PARTY DELEGATION LED BY MARIO SOARES. NO INDICATION THAT MAOIST EXTREMISTS OF MRPP PRESENT, HOWEVER, MD ELECTED 17-MAN PROVISIONAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH INCLUDES LABOR LEADERS AND WELL KNOWN OPPOSITIONISTS DR. JOAO PEREIRA DE MOURA (CATHOLIC SOCIALIST ECONOMIST), JOSE TENGARRINHA (COMMUNIST WRITER) AND VITOR WENGOROVIVUS (CATHOLIC SOCIALIST LAWYER). MD DELEGATION WAS TO BE SENT TO PARLEY WITH JUNTA AT 1100APRIL 29.

5. JUNTA MEANWHILE HAS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT NEW SERVICE HEADS FROM AMONG THEIR NUMBER: BRIG. DIOGO NETO PROMOTED TO GENERAL AND MADE AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF; CAPT. JOAO PINHEIRO AZEVEDO PROMOTED TO VICE ADMIRAL AND MADE NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF; BRIG. SILVERIO MARQUES PROMOTED TO GENERAL AND MADE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF.

6. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AID TO POLITICAL PRISONERS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE APRIL 28 CALLING ON JUNTA TO RELEASE "HUNDREDS" OF POLITICAL PRISONERS STILL INCARCERATED OVERSEAS. COMMITTEE ALSO ASKED THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR DGS TORTURES, ETC., BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTS, AND OFFERED TO HELP JUNTA WITH PREPARATIONS TO THIS END.

7. IN OPORTO, CROWD TOOK OVER HEADQUARTERS OF ANP APRIL 27. IN CONFRONTATION WITH MILITARY, CROWD REFUSED TO BUDGE AND MILITARY BACKED OFF. CITY CALM APRIL 28-9. AMCONSUL REPORTS SOME CONCERN THAT ACTIVISTS MAY TURN NEW FREEDOM INTO PUBLIC DISORDER. EVIDENTLY ARMY'S INABILITY TO DISLODGE CROWD FROM ANP HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS CONCERN.

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8. STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS PREVIOUSLY CLOSED BY CAETANO GOVERNMENT ARE RE-OPENING, AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY ON CAMPUSES APPARENTLY ON INCREASE. NO WORD IN PRESS ON WHEREABOUTS OF NUMBER OF PROMINENT PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH CAETANO GOVERNMENT, SUCH AS KAULZA DE AZZIAGA, ADRIANO MOREIRA AND FRANCO NOGUEIRA, AND MANY CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR, BUT NOT REPORTED ARRESTED. EX-FOREIGN MINISTER RUI PATRICIO REPORTEDLY HAD COLLAPSED APRIL 25 AND ON HEALTH GROUNDS WAS ALLOWED REMAIN IN LISBON RATHER THAN ACCOMPANY CAETANO INTO EXILE.

9. DECREE LAW PUBLISHED APRIL 29 DECLARES MAY DAY A COMPULSORY NATIONAL HOLIDAY. THUS JUNTA HAS ACCEDED TO CDE REQUEST AND REMOVED ISSUE FROM BARGAINING TABLE WITH THE LEFT.

HOWEVER, THIS MOVE ENSURES THAT STREETS WILL BE JAMMED FOR MAY
DAY DEMONSTRATION WHICH WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL TEST FOR JUNTA'S
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